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For : DISCHARGE LAMP LIGHTING CONTROL DEVICE

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification, the International Search Report, and the International Preliminary Examination Report issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/US2004/010963, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. Copies of the International Search Report and the International Preliminary Examination Report were enclosed with the papers when entering the U.S. National Stage on October 20, 2005. The Examiner is requested to review these materials to determine the relevance indicated during international examination with respect

to the documents cited therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

U.S. Patent No. 5,942,859, together with Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication Nos. HEI 10-294188 and HEI 10-294191, together with English language abstracts of the same. Applicants note that all of these documents are cited on page 1 of the specification of the above-captioned application;

U.S. Patent No. 5,962,981, together with Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication Nos. HEI 10-294186 and HEI 10-294189, together with English language abstracts of the same. Applicants note that all of these documents are cited on page 1 of the specification of the above-captioned application;

U.S. Patent No. 5,932,976. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the above-captioned application;

U.S. Patent No. 6,426,597. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 2 of the specification of the above-captioned application;

U.S. Patent No. 5,598,326;

U.S. Patent No. 5,907,223;

U.S. Patent No. 6,034,489; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,670,779.

Further, Applicants call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

U.S. Patent No. 6,593,703; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,963,176.

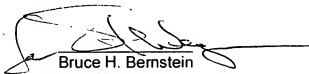
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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